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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
AKITOSHI HIRONAKA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/JP05/06016)  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: METHOD HOLDER WITH :  
ELECTRODE PIN, METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE METAL  
HOLDER, AND GAS GENERATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.